

11 predetermined mark.

1           7. A tele-inventory system according to claim  
2 6, further comprising:  
3           at the remote management apparatus  
4           counter means for counting the number of images  
5 of the object commodities which have been labeled  
6 with the predetermined marks by said marker means

1           8. A tele-inventory system according to claim  
2 2, further comprising:  
3           at the remote management apparatus  
4           pointer means for pointing a particular object  
5 commodity in said taken images of the object  
6 commodities which images have been displayed on said  
7 display means; and  
8           marker means for labeling said taken image of  
9 said particular object commodity, which image has  
10 been pointed by said pointer means, with a  
11 predetermined special mark.

1           9. A tele-inventory system according to claim  
2 8, further comprising:  
3           at the shop  
4           in-shop display means for displaying a marked  
5 image, which is the image labeled with said  
6 predetermined special mark by said marker means and

7    which has been received together with instructions  
8    of the operator by said instruction-receiver means  
9    of the shop from said instruction-transmitter means  
10   of the remote management apparatus, so that a sales  
11   clerk of the shop sees said marked image to make  
12   arrangements for various processes based on the  
13   last-named instructions of the operator.

1            10. A tele-inventory system according to  
2   claim 1, wherein said camera means serves also as  
3   a security camera, which is usually previously  
4   installed in the shop.

1            11. A tele-inventory system according to  
2   claim 1, wherein the remote management apparatus  
3   is a mobile information processing terminal to be  
4   operated by the operator.

1            12 A tele-inventory system according to claim  
2   1, wherein the remote management apparatus is  
3   installed at a remote place in a different time zone  
4   from the time zone of a shop place where the shop  
5   is located.

1            13. A tele-inventory system according to  
2   claim 5, wherein:  
3            said image-transmitter means and said

4 instruction-receiving means are communicably  
5 connected to a plurality of customer information  
6 terminals to be operated by individual customers  
7 of the shop;

8       upon receipt of a direction containing the name  
9 of a target commodity from the individual customer  
10 information terminal,

11       at the shop

12       said camera control means reads, from said  
13 database, commodity information with respect to the  
14 individual object commodity corresponding to the  
15 target commodity contained in the direction of the  
16 individual customer based on the direction, and  
17 controls said camera means in such a manner that  
18 said camera means takes an image of the target  
19 commodity; and

20       said image-transmitter means transmits the  
21 last-named taken image of the target commodity taken  
22 by said camera means to the last-named customer  
23 information terminal.

1       14. An in-shop terminal for use in a  
2 tele-inventory system in which various kinds of  
3 commodities in a shop are inventoried by an operator  
4 from a remote management apparatus that is installed  
5 remotely from the shop, there being installed at  
6 the shop camera means for taking images of object